



VIRTUAL MEETING
STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR
INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

<http://sbc.lacounty.gov/>

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (23-0609)

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Call to Order and Roll Call. (23-0390)

Chairperson Mark –Anthony Clayton Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. And gave a warm welcome to the newly appointed SBC Commissioner, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones.

Present: Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Excused: Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Ingrid Archie, and Commissioner Bob Frutos

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of December 21, 2022. (23-0391)

On motion of Commissioner Eric Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Ingrid Archie, and Commissioner Bob Frutos

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2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 18, 2023. (23-0392)

On motion of Commissioner Eric Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Ingrid Archie, and Commissioner Bob Frutos

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3. Discussion and action of the SBCs 2023 Strategic Goals. (23-0393)
 1. Engage entities responsible for enforcement of existing State/County standards for humane and constitutional conditions inside the county jails, including:
 - a. DHS and CHS
 - b. Civilian Oversight Commission
 - c. Office of Inspector General
 - d. Board of State and Community Corrections
 - e. Jail Closure Implementation Team
 2. Monitoring quality of access, treatment, and outcomes related to medical care and mental health care.
 - a. Underlying causes of in-custody deaths deemed natural by the Medical Examiner.
 - b. Regular meetings with DHS, CHS
 3. Monitor mental health patient rights and access to mental health services.
 4. Seeking feedback and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on areas of concern regarding the closure of MCJ and implementation of the Care First, Jail Last plan as it impacts jail conditions and community capacity.
 5. Evaluate expansion and targeting of programming in the jails, including access, retention, and outcomes of programming.
 6. Periodic direct engagement with the Board of Supervisors on areas of concern.
 7. Conduct periodic self-assessment of the commission's impact on jail conditions to determine the extent at which we may need to advocate for changes to statute.

Chairperson Clayton Johnson formerly welcomed Commissioner Joahanna Terrones to the SBC. Commissioner Terrones gave a self-introduction and thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

Chairperson Clayton Johnson and Vice Chairperson Sherman held a discussion on the language of the 2023 SBC strategic goals. And the SBC made the following amendments to the 2023 SBC strategic goals:

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 - b. Civilian Oversight Commission

- c. Office of Inspector General
- d. Board of State and Community Corrections
- e. Jail Closure Implementation Team
- f. Court lock ups and Court leadership
- 2. Monitoring quality of access, treatment, and outcomes related to medical care and mental health care.
 - a. Underlying causes of in-custody deaths deemed natural by the Medical Examiner.
 - a. Regular meetings with DHS, CHS
 - b. Monitor mental health patient rights and access to mental health services
- 3. Seeking feedback and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on areas of concern regarding the closure of MCJ and implementation of the Care First, Jail Last plan as it impacts jail conditions and community capacity.
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Commissioner Regalado reminded the SBC about inviting Sheriff Robert G. Luna to an upcoming SBC meeting. And Chairperson Clayton Johnson shared his recent experience at the last COC meeting.

After discussion on motion of Commissioner Eric Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral the SBC approved this item as amended with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Ingrid Archie, and Commissioner Bob Frutos

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4. Discussion of Rights of Mental Health Patients in County Jails. (23-0396)

Chairperson Clayton Johnson shared that this is a follow up on data requested from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, LASD regarding the use of force on people with mental disabilities at the jails. And that Commander Macias did send him data on the use of force incidences in 2022 for Twin Towers, TT and Pitches North, however there was a lack of or no clear reason why there was not data on Men's Central Jail, MCJ. Commander Macias, LASD did state in an email that "the number of incidences at MCJ for people who are in medium observation was difficult to ascertain with any certainty with limited housing on the latter part of the year". And that the LASD is working with the CEO and CIO to get a clearer data management system. Lastly that he would be following up with Commander Macias for an update on MCJ.

Vice Chairperson Sherman stated that he repeatedly visited 5000 during the course of 2022. And subsequent to the use of force incident that he was told that over the span of that year that things were intensifying between the incarcerated people and the deputies administering that floor. And deputies reported that fights are common in 5000 and that there isn't any diligent record keeping at the LASD. He then explained why he included the attached report. And that although the report is not specific to LA County, he felt that this is an opportunity to engage with Department of Mental Health's (DMH), Patient Rights Advocate (PRA) team to inquire if they have faced any of the challenges documented in the report. He also stated that the incarcerated people receiving mental health care in the jails have the right to a PRA.

Commissioner Miller stated it would be helpful if they can get clarity from Correctional Health Services, CHS on their thoughts on the relationship between overcrowding and mental health and isolation and mental health?

Commissioner Sherman stated that LA County PRA team reports to DMH. He emphasized that the SBC appears to be filling this gap and is likely not the best to fill it and possibly DMH isn't either. Lastly, he stated that it is important they engage with the DMH about PRAs.

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II. REPORTS

5. Chairperson's Report on Correspondence received. (23-0397)
- Update on the final report of the Board motion, Inmate Welfare Funds (IWF) and Education Based Programming (EBI) survey, Commissioner Dr. Grills

Chairperson Clayton Johnson stated that Commissioner Dr. Grills was not present. And asked that the SBC review the report and provide Commissioner Dr. Grills with any feedback. He then gave a brief overview/background of the survey to Commissioner Terrones and that he will get her the draft so that she can also provide feedback.

Vice Chairperson Sherman asked if the SBC had received an email from COC that includes links to the LASDS budget? Chairperson Clayton Johnson stated that this is important in that the SBC has been requesting budget information from the LASD. And could help the SBC get a clear understanding of the LASDs budget as how it relates to the conditions of confinement they are observing.

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6. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (23-0399)

Staff reported that the SBC will meet virtually the remainder of February and is scheduled to resume in person meetings in March 2023.

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7. Commissioners' Reports on Detention Facilities. (23-0400)

Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Lancaster Sheriff's Station, 501 W Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA. 93534, January 17, 2023
- Palmdale Sherriff's Station 750 E Ave Q, Palmdale, CA. 93550, January 17, 2023

Commissioner Eric Miller and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Pitches Detention Center (PDC), 29320 The Old Rd, Castaic, CA. 91384, January 26, 2023
- North County Correctional Facility (NCCF), 29340 The Old Rd, Castaic, CA. 91384, January 26, 2023

Chairperson Clayton Johnson reported that the SBC conducted four inspections and reported on the Lancaster inspection reports together. And a custody assistant requested the Lancaster inspection being that they had not had an inspection since 2019. Commissioner Veral reported that because she and Commissioner Miller did not submit their inspection reports for Pitches Detention Center (PDC), and North County Correctional Facility (NCCF) that they will only be reporting on the inspections conducted at the Lancaster and the Palmdale Sheriff's station. Chairperson Clayton Johnson and Commissioner Veral went over their inspection reports in which the following facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- Lancaster Sheriff's Station, 501 W Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA. 93534, January 17, 2023
- Palmdale Sheriff's Station, 750 E Ave Q, Palmdale, CA. 93550, January 17, 2023

Please note that the Lancaster Station did not have hot running water, people being held did not have any clarity on the process and how long they will be there or their court date. Overall, they left with a lot of questions and curiosities.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (23-0405)

There were no public comments.

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Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the Meeting of February 1, 2023. (23-0406)

Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson adjourned the February 1, 2023, meeting at 11:06 a.m.